

Investment in Green Field Ports in India

1768. SHRI SITARAM YECHURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of private companies are coming to India to invest in green field ports;

(b) if so, the details of approved green field ports with their proposed investment; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to set up a regulatory authority in view of private port operations and related services increasing?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Under the existing policy, foreign direct investment upto 100% under automatic route is permitted in construction and maintenance of ports and harbours. On a reference from the State Government of West Bengal, the Central Government has initiated preparatory action for setting up a new deep-sea port on the coastline of West Bengal. Expressions of Interest have been received from Consultants, including those abroad, for development of the project. However, the Central Government has not approved any new major port in the recent past. Responsibility for development of non-major ports, either new or existing ones, vests with the respective State Governments.

(c) Putting in place a regulatory framework and a regulator to address issues specific to ports in the context of the presence of a multiplicity of port operators in the Indian ports and the gradual emergence of a competitive environment is envisaged in the draft Policy for the Maritime Sector (Ports, Shipping and Inland Water Transport).

Crash of GSLV with Instat-4C

1769. SHRI DARA SINGH:

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the defective fuel control device had led to